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In re the Application of: FURUHATA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2826  
Serial No.: 09/599,477 )  
Filed: June 23, 2000 ) Examiner: Dickey, T.  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES )  
INCLUDING A NON-VOLATILE )  
MEMORY TRANSISTOR )

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In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed please find Form PTO-1449 listing the attached references which might be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

A. Non-English Language References

- Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
- The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
- Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:
- English language abstracts have been submitted for the 6 Japanese language references cited on Form PTO-1449. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 5,939,749 appears to be related to JP 9-321156, and U.S. Patent No. 5,969,383 appears to be related to JP 11-74389.

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